



Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) & Iowa Drug Policy Advisory Council

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Vision: Safe & healthy Iowans.

Mission: To coordinate substance use related criminal justice resource & policy development.

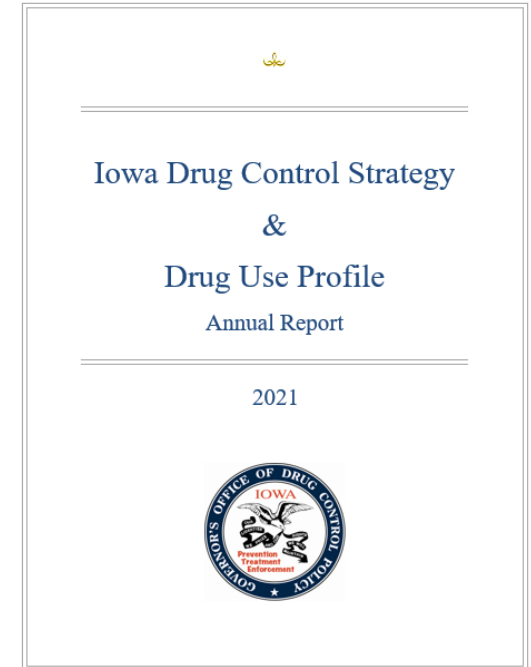
Iowa Code 80E: Drug Policy Coordinator

- ❖ Appointed by, and serves at pleasure of, the Governor.
- ❖ Directs Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.
- ❖ Coordinates and monitors:
 - All statewide drug enforcement efforts;
 - All state and federal substance use disorder treatment grants and programs;
 - All statewide substance abuse prevention and education programs in communities and schools; and
 - Engages in such other related activities required by law.
- ❖ Coordinates with Iowa Departments of: Corrections, Education, Public Health, Public Safety and Human Services.
- ❖ Chairs Iowa Drug Policy Advisory Council, consisting of 15 voting members from state agencies and local professionals representing substance abuse prevention, substance use disorder treatment and law enforcement.
- ❖ Assists in development and implementation of local and community strategies to fight substance abuse.

Iowa Drug Control Strategy

2021 Goals

- Reduce # of alcohol, tobacco & other deaths involving Iowans.
- Reduce # of drug-related injuries involving Iowans, including electronic smoking/vaping.
- Reduce # of Iowa youth who are current users of alcohol, other drugs.
- Increase Iowans' access to substance use disorder (SUD) services.
- Increase # of Iowans who find employment during or after substance use disorder (SUD) treatment.
- Reduce # of Iowans incarcerated for drug-related offenses, & the disproportionate # of minorities referred to the justice system.



Change & Emerging Challenges: Overview

PRODUCTS

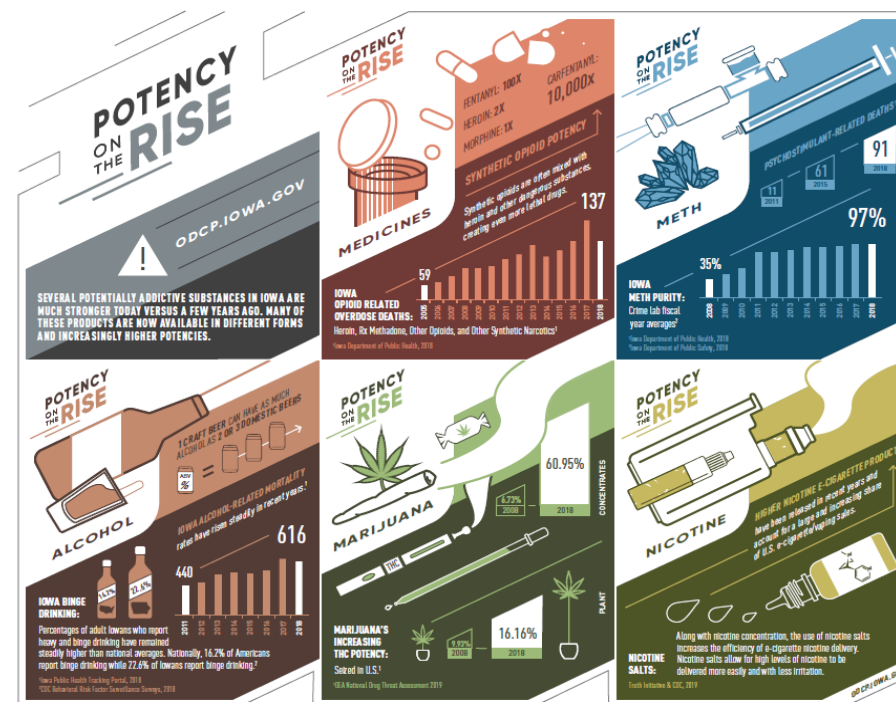
- Delivery/Consumption Systems: Vaping (Nicotine, THC, Heroin, etc.), smoking, oral ingestion, IV
- Forms: THC & CBD oils, waxes, edibles; Smokable hemp; Synthetics; “Ice”
- Mixtures: Heroin + Fentanyl &/or Meth &/or Marijuana; Other cocktails
- Distribution: Mail & Shipping Services

POTENCY

- Alcohol: Concentrations (craft beers)
- Nicotine: Levels (vaping pods)
- THC: Concentrations (oils, waxes, edibles)
- Meth: Purities (nearly 100% “ice”)
- Fentanyl, et al.: Extremely lethal

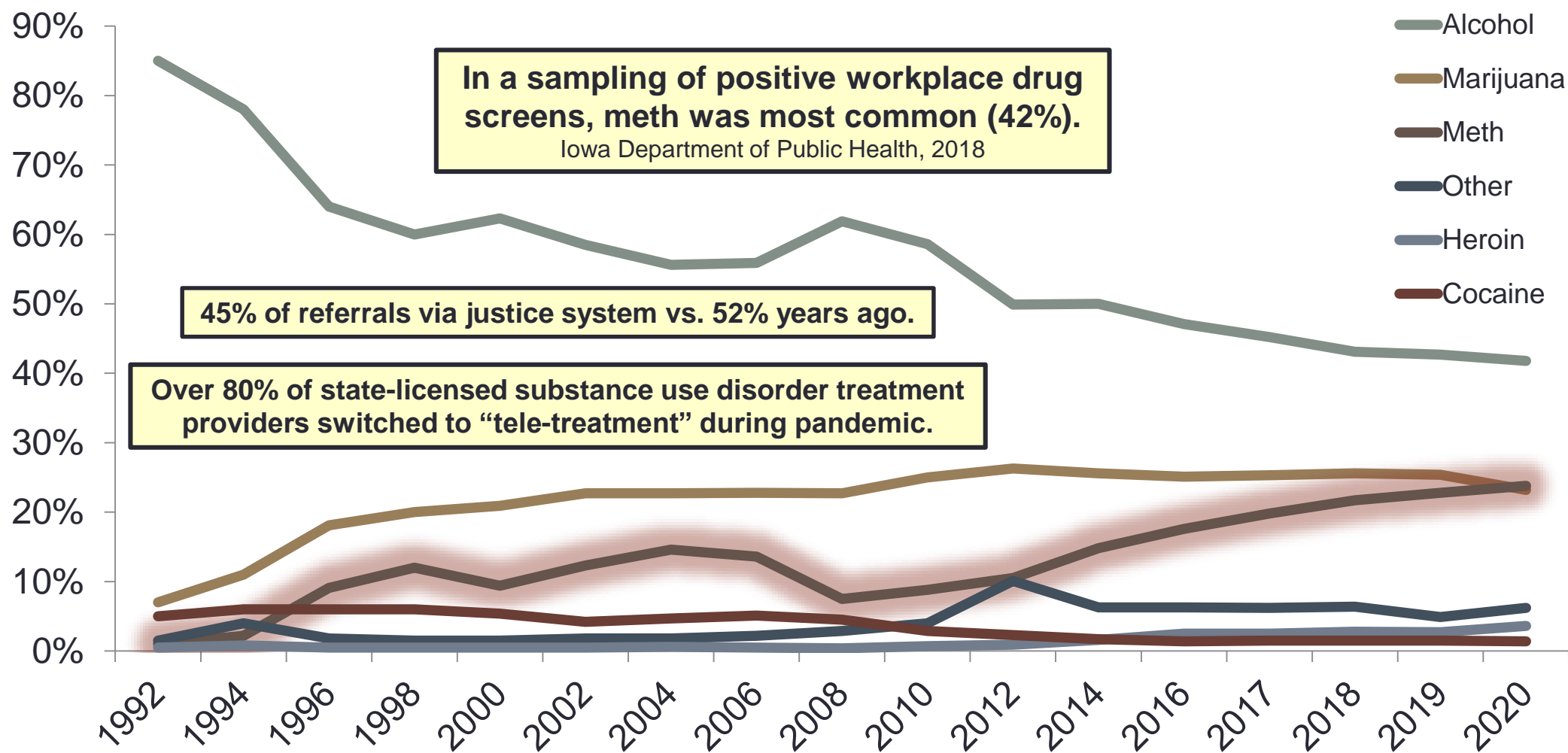
POLICY

- Laws: Medical & legal marijuana (THC &/or CBD); Hemp; Psychedelic Mushrooms (psilocybin) & Ecstasy (MDMA); Opioids; Smoking & Vaping...

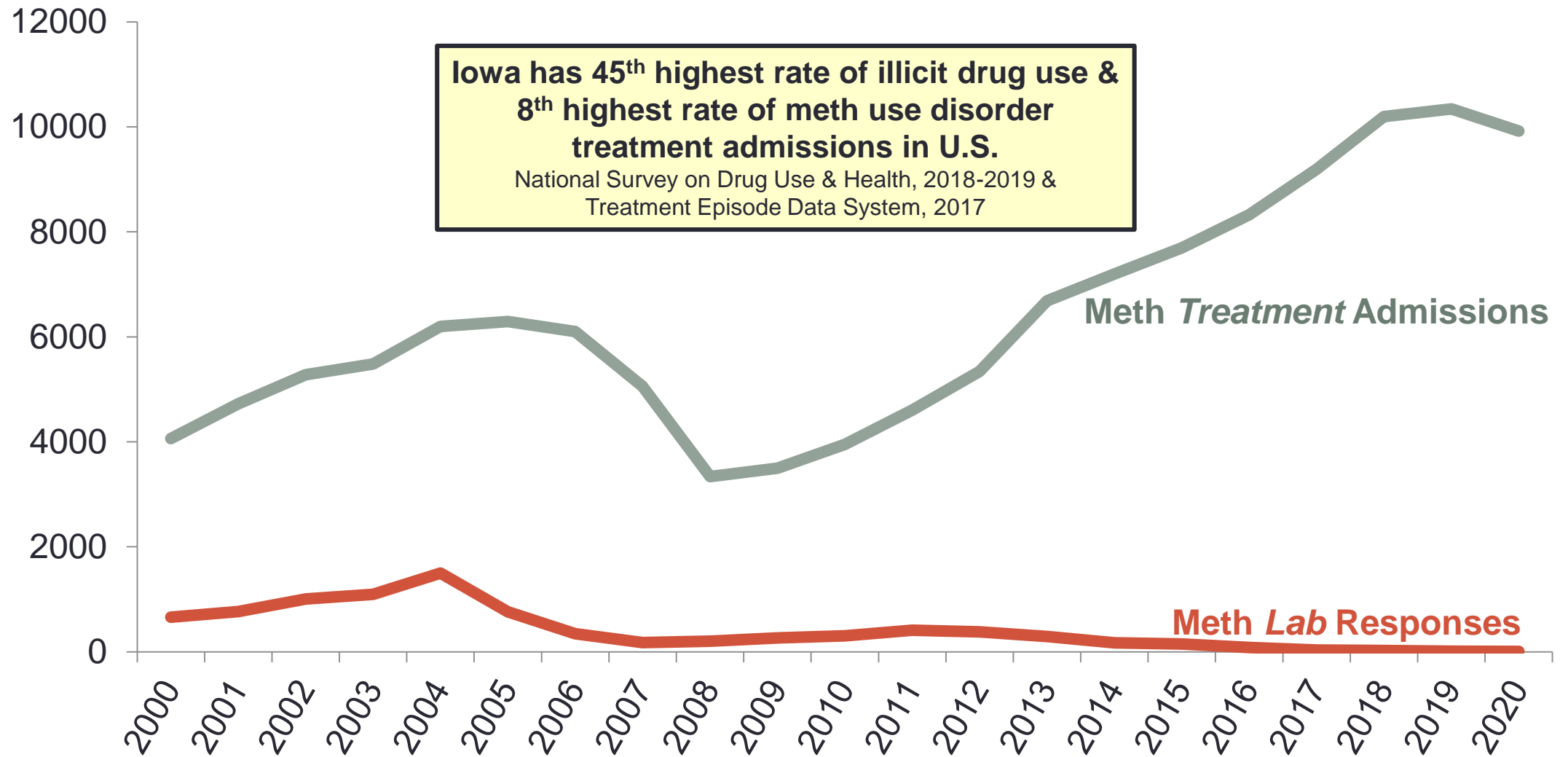


Iowa Substance Use Disorder Trends

Primary Substance of 12+ Iowans Entering SUD Treatment

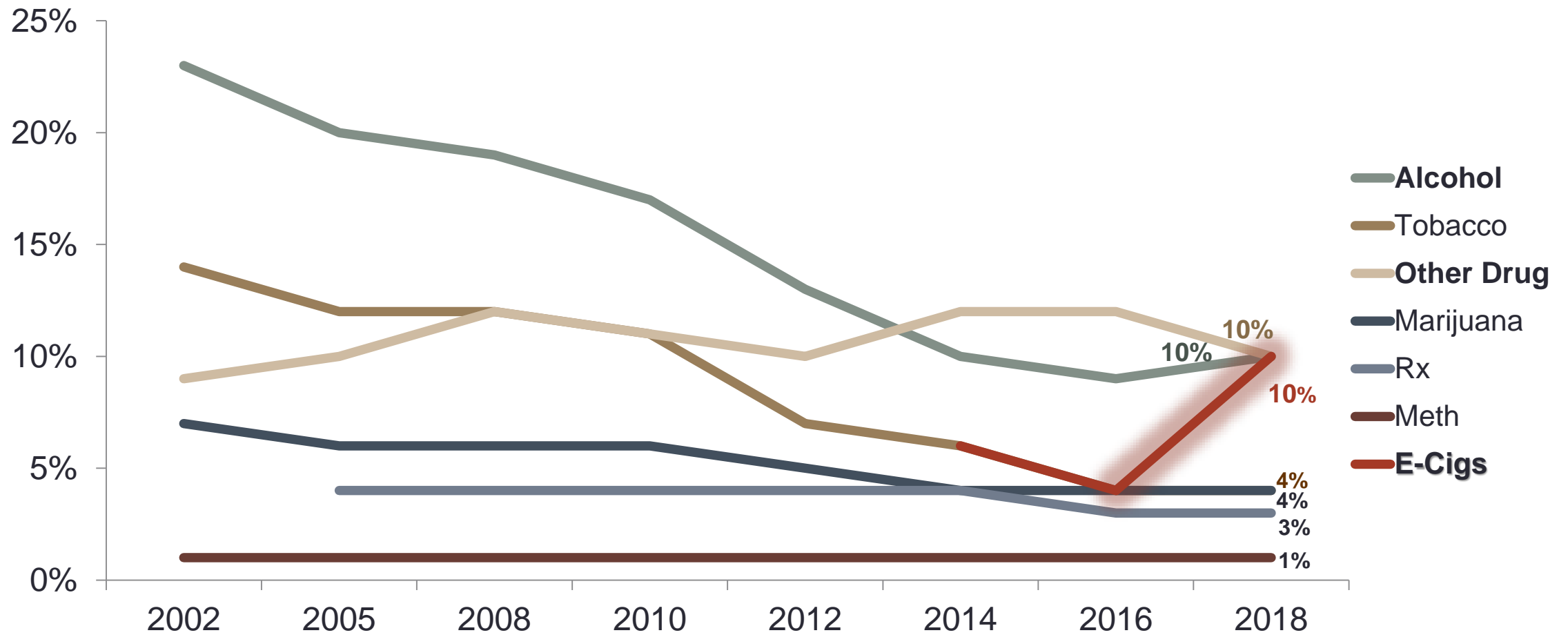


Iowa Meth Trends: Use vs. Production



Iowa Youth Substance Abuse

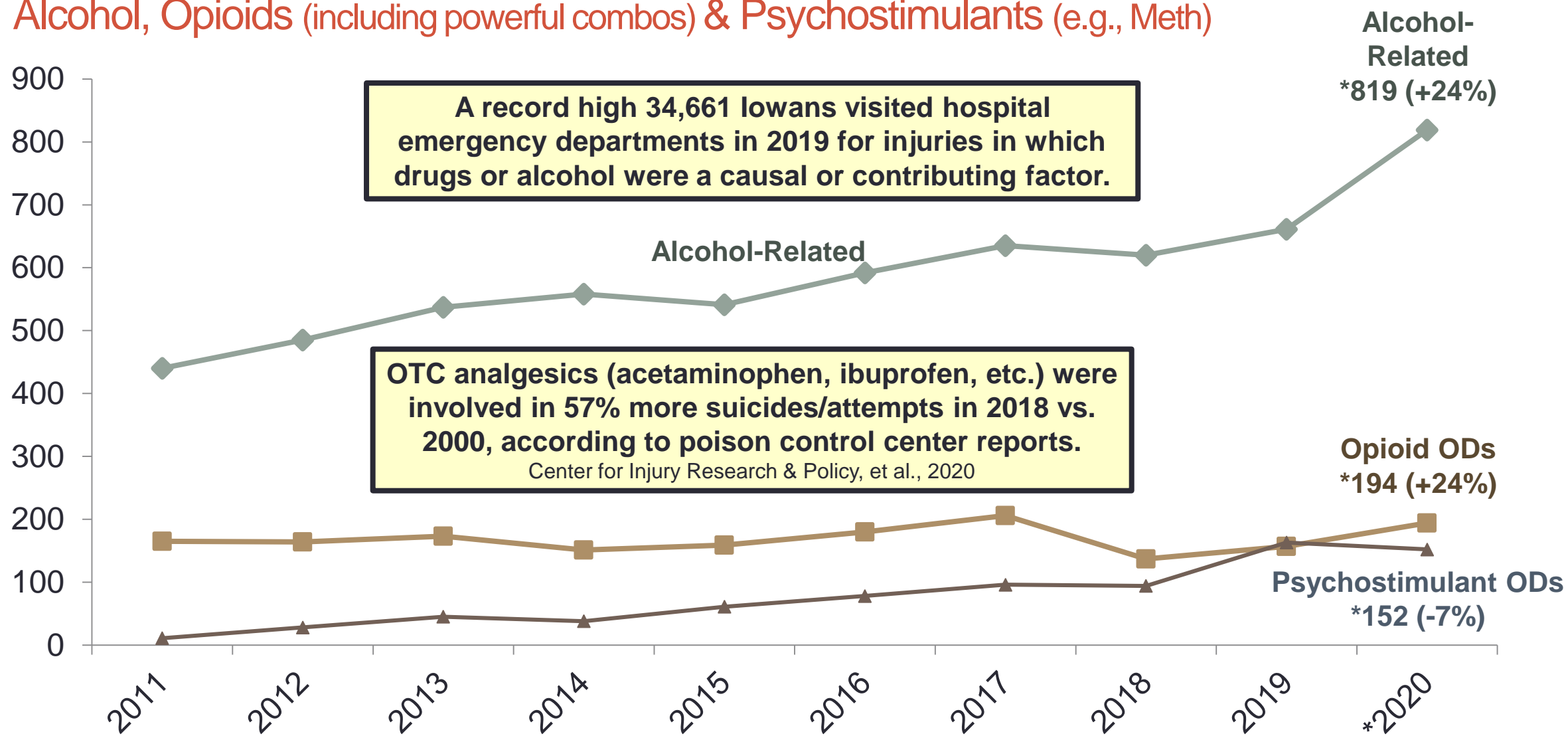
6th, 8th and 11th Grade Users, Last 30-Days



Iowa Youth Survey, 2018

Substance-Involved Deaths in Iowa

Alcohol, Opioids (including powerful combos) & Psychostimulants (e.g., Meth)

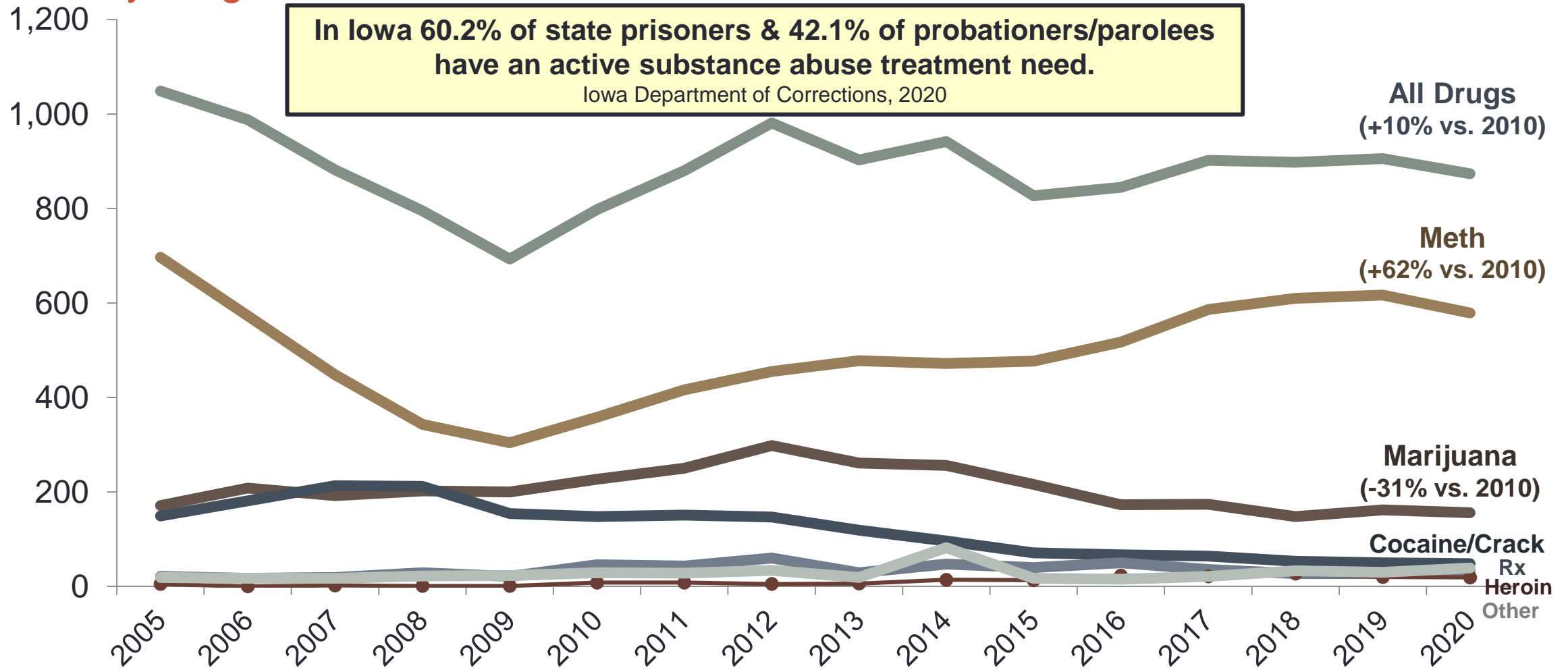


(*Preliminary 2020 data.)

Iowa Department of Public Health, 2020

Iowa “Drug-Related” Prison Admissions

Primary Drug Involved



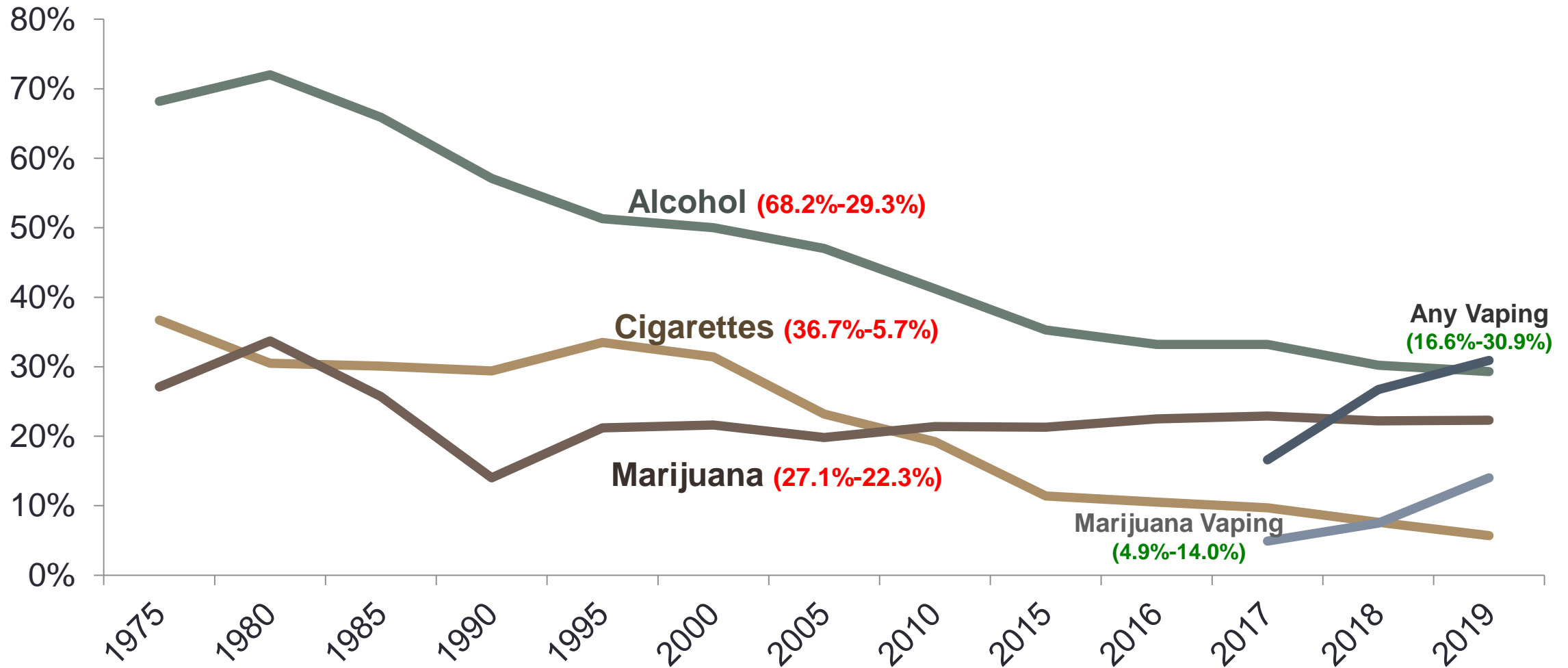
58% of state prisoners & 63% of jail inmates used drugs vs. 5% of general population.

USDOJ, Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2017

Iowa Justice Data Warehouse, 2020

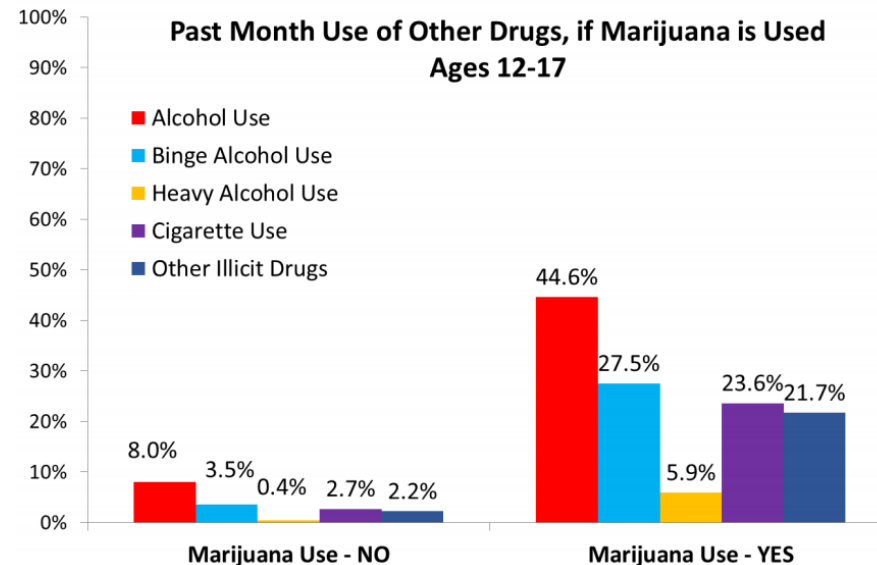
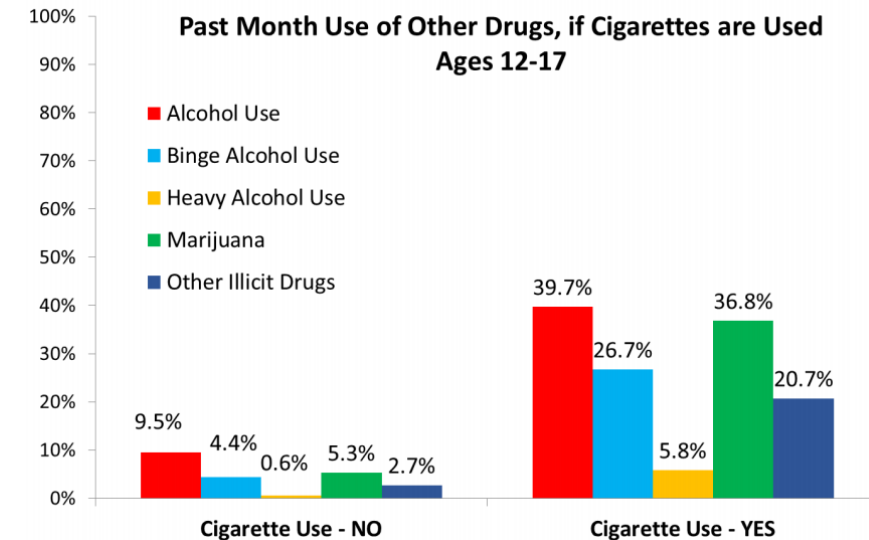
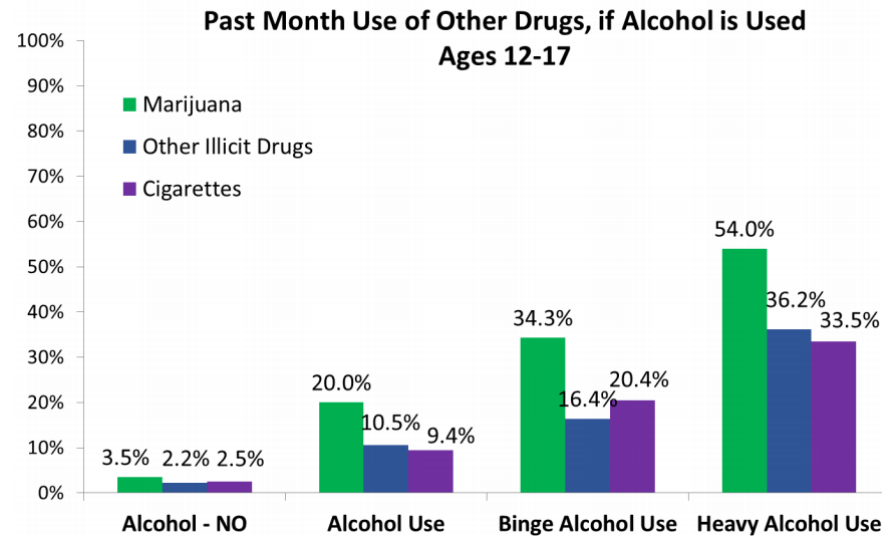
Youth Substance Use 40+ Year Trends

Current Use (past 30 days) Among U.S. 12th Graders



Some Substance Use May Risk Other Use

Most SUDs are Rooted in Behavior that Begins in Teens



Iowa's Evolving Response

Part of a Comprehensive *Demand & Supply Reduction* Strategy

Prevention & Education

- Educational activities (at home, community coalitions, local agencies, in schools, media, etc.).
- Training for professionals (Midwest Counterdrug Training Center & others).

Intervention, Treatment & Recovery

- Problem-solving courts (intensive treatment & better outcomes).
- Expanding service access points (e.g., pre-charge diversion to treatment).
- Parent Partner family mentoring (healthy children).
- Reentry initiatives (connecting justice-served Iowans with community resources).

Enforcement

- Crisis intersections, connections & interventions (CIT & mental health access centers).
- Task forces (OT for high-level investigations, parcel interdiction, lab teams, etc.).

Data

- More robust data collection & exchange (public health, public safety, et al. sharing).

Iowa Pilot Projects

Iowa Overdose Data Exchange (IODE)

- What: Collect & disseminate information in a timely fashion from/to multiple audiences via secure & public dashboards.
- Why: Improve information sharing for health surveillance (e.g., OD trends), law enforcement intelligence (e.g., drug trafficking patterns) & planning.

Iowa Pre/Post-Arrest Diversion (IPPAD)

- What: Law enforcement initiated SUD treatment alternative for those eligible.
- Why: Incarceration alternative to achieve better, fairer & more efficient outcomes for all concerned.

ODCP Coordination Role in both Projects

- Grant manager & project coordinator.
- Convener of diverse stakeholders.

Questions in a Time of Change

Pandemic

- How have stressors impacted behavioral health & public safety?
- How have prevention, treatment & enforcement strategies changed to respond to needs?
- What's the impact on the workforce?
- Lessons learned to improve our future post-pandemic response (what has changed... for better or worse)?

Social Justice

- How has the social justice movement changed interactions with people of color?
- What factors merit review to reduce disproportionate minority contact (DMC) with the justice system?
- What works to reduce DMC?
- How do we simultaneously improve social justice, health & public safety?

STAY SAFE!



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